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Maybe it was not a good idea to let Carina crochet a cover for the caravan! ☺

## World QRP Day

Sunday 17 June is World QRP Day and Father's Day! Switch off the amplifier, turn down the power on your rig and try QRP power. How many kilometres per watt can you achieve. You will be amazed at what you can achieve with QRP.

## The SARL Top Band QSO Party

This is a fun activity to promote contacts on 160 metres between radio amateurs in Southern African countries and to encourage radio amateurs to apply for the South African Radio League Top Band Award and it takes place from 00:00 UTC on Thursday 21 June to 00:00 UTC on Monday 25 June 2018. The QSO Party is open to all licensed amateurs that have access to the 160-metre band.

Activity takes place on CW between 1 810 and 1 838 kHz and on phone between 1 840 and 2 000 kHz. The exchange is a RS or RST report and your provincial or country abbreviation. Each station can be worked once per mode i.e. once on Phone and again with CW and each contact will count three (3) points. Each South African call area and each DXCC country worked will be awarded with five (5) additional bonus points.

Logs in ADIF, Cabrillo or MS Excel format with a summary sheet labelled "my call sign Top Band," must be submitted by 2 July 2018 by e-mail to [contest@sarl.org.za](mailto:contest@sarl.org.za). Refer to GR 3.6 and 5.1 to 5.6 for detail



## June

13 to 17 – Port St Johns Umngazi Pondo Pedal  
15 - Eid-al-Fitr  
15 to 17 – Napier Wine and Patatfees; Calitzdorp Port and Wine Festival  
16 – Youth Day; **East Rand ARC Flea Market**; Franschhoek Winter Wines Festival  
17 – Father's Day; **World QRP Day**; **closing date for Hammies log sheets**  
21 – Winter Solstice  
21 to 25 – **SARL Top Band QSO Party**  
22 – all schools close; **closing date for the July Radio ZS articles**  
22 to 24 – Morgan's Bay Footprint Festival  
23 – **Cape Town ARC meeting**  
24 – Blairgowrie Collectors Toy Fair at the Blairgowrie Recreation Centre, Randburg  
27 to 30 – InniBos Kunstefees, Nelspruit  
30 – World Asteroid Day; **end of the SARL Financial year**  
28 June to 8 July – the National Arts Festival and Wordfest, Grahamstown  
29 June to 1 July – Kirkwood Wildfees  
29 June to 8 July – Knysna Oyster Festival

## July

1 - Start of SARL Financial Year and membership payment is due; **ZS5 Sprint**  
2 - Closing date Top Band logs  
6 to 8 – Umtamvuna Festival, Port Edward; Dullstroom Winter Festival; Lazy Hippo MTB Stage Races, Hanover  
7 - **SARL Newbie QSO Party**; Rhodes Run, Rhodes EC  
8 to 14 – Vrystaat Arts Festival, Bloemfontein  
9 - Closing date ZS5 Sprint logs  
13 - **Friggatriskaidekaphobia**  
14 and 15 - **IARU HF Championships and WRTC 2018**; Franschhoek Bastille Festival  
14 - **RaDAR Challenge**; **October RAE registration opens**; **West Rand ARC AGM**  
15 to 20 July 1916 - The Battle of Delville Wood  
16 - Closing date Newbie logs  
17 - Provincial schools open  
19 - Delta Aquariid meteor shower  
19 to 22 – Schreiner Karoo Writers Festival, Cradock  
21 - **Winter QRP contest**; **Pretoria ARC Flea Market**  
22 - **ZS2 Sprint**  
25 - **Closing date for August Radio ZS**  
27 to 29 – Winter Celebration, Hogsback

about logs and summary sheets.

## Z6 Prefix is Questioned

On the ITU Web site and in "ITU Operational Bulletin (No. 1149 1.VI.2018)" [Information received by 16 May 2018], on page 7, the Secretary-General of the ITU reports the following, "Following the inquiry of the Administration of Serbia of 16 March 2018 regarding the use of Call Sign Series Z6 by amateur radio stations of Kosovo\*, I would like to provide the following statement: Pursuant to Article 19 of the Radio Regulations, notably its provisions Nos. 19.28B and 19.33, the management of international series of call signs is a prerogative of ITU. Call sign series can be allocated only to the administrations of the ITU Member States by world radiocommunication conferences or, between radiocommunication conferences, by the ITU Secretary-General.

In this respect, the attention of the ITU administrations is drawn to the fact that ITU has not allocated call sign series Z6 to any of its Member States. Consequently, the utilization of call signs series Z6 by any entity without a formal allocation and consent of the ITU represents an unauthorized and illegal usage of this international numbering resource.

\* This designation is without prejudice to position on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on Kosovo declaration of independence." [www.itu.int/dms\\_pub/itu-t/opb/sp/T-SP-OB.1149-2018-OAS-PDF-E.pdf](http://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-t/opb/sp/T-SP-OB.1149-2018-OAS-PDF-E.pdf)

Added Notes: The Z6 prefix does appear in the ARRL's "ITU Table of Allocation of International Callsign Series" which can be viewed at [www.arrl.org/international-call-sign-series](http://www.arrl.org/international-call-sign-series). However, the Z6 prefix does not appear in "Table of International Call Sign Series" [yet].

## African DX

*Contacts with stations on the African continent count towards the SARL's All Africa Award ([www.sarl.org.za/public/awards/awards.asp](http://www.sarl.org.za/public/awards/awards.asp))*

Sierra Leone, 9L. Mark, KW4XJ, who is on an overseas assignment and was signing 9L/KW4XJ, is now active with the permanent callsign 9L1YXJ from Freetown (WW Loc. IJ38JK). We still do not know the length of his stay. Mark operates mainly on CW and the Digital modes on the HF bands (40 – 10 m). His QTH station is an Icom IC-7300 into a magloop (with power set to maximum 10 W) currently until more antennas arrive and get installed. His QRP station is a Yaesu FT-817ND running 5 watts into magloop (Chameleon F-Loop). QSL via his home call sign.



## African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

## CASS Award 2017

Janusz Wegrzyn, SP9FIH, has won the 2017 Single-Operator Cass Award. The Cass Awards encourage DXpedition operating excellence. While active from Palestine as E44WE during May 2017, Janusz worked 10 087 unique stations during 14 days of his one-man DXpedition, demonstrating an outstanding effort to log as many DXers as possible and setting a new Single-Operator Cass Award record.

Polish Amateur Radio Union President Waldemar Sznajder, 3Z6AEF, presented Janusz with his plaque at their LOS Convention on 26 May 2018. Here is a photo of Janusz (on the left) proudly displaying the plaque just received from Waldemar [www.cassaward.com/SP9FIH\\_3Z6AEF\\_lowres.jpg](http://www.cassaward.com/SP9FIH_3Z6AEF_lowres.jpg)

Two categories of Cass Award in 2018 and beyond, the Cass Award Sponsors – Club Log, DXLab and the Northern California DX Club, have also announced the addition of a new "unlimited" award. Presented annually, the Cass Awards encourage DXpeditions to maximize the number of DXers worked with a plaque for the Single-Operator DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns during a two-week interval and a plaque for the "unlimited" DXpedition that works the most unique callsigns; the rules for each award are defined in [www.cassaward.com](http://www.cassaward.com). These awards honour the wisdom and spirit of Cass, WA6AUD (SK), whose stories in the West Coast DX Bulletin taught a generation of DXers that DX IS!

Congratulations to Janusz on his achievement in winning the 2017 Single-Operator Cass award!

## Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 11 to 18 June 2018

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint: 00:00  
UTC-02:00 UTC 11 June  
Geographic Focus: North America  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, SSB  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op  
Exchange: Member: RS(T) and state, province or country and member no  
Non-member: RS(T) and state, province or country and Power  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member  
2 points per QSO with member  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
Submit logs by: 13 June 2018  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Post log summary at: <http://qrpccontest.com/4sqrp>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[http://www.4sqrp.com/SSS/sss\\_rules.pdf](http://www.4sqrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf)

NAQCC CW Sprint  
00:30 - 02:30 UTC 13 June  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m  
Classes: (none)  
Max power: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC no or power  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member  
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once;  
Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1.5 x if bug, 1 x if other  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 16 June 2018  
E-mail logs to: [naqcc33@windstream.net](mailto:naqcc33@windstream.net) and [jcoreyc@gmail.com](mailto:jcoreyc@gmail.com)  
Upload log at: [http://naqcc.info/sprint\\_submit\\_log.html](http://naqcc.info/sprint_submit_log.html)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
<http://naqcc.info/sprint/sprint201806.html>

Phone Fray  
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 13 June  
Geographic Focus: North America  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m  
Classes: Single Op  
Max power: 100 watts  
Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station  
Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 15 June 2018  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [http://www.per-luma.com/Phone\\_Fray\\_Contest\\_Rules.pdf](http://www.per-luma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf)

CWops Mini-CWT Test  
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 13 June and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 14 June  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each call once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 16 June 2018  
Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

RSGB 80 m Club Championship, CW  
19:00 - 20:30 UTC 13 June  
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: United Kingdom  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: (none)  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: (see rules)  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 14 June 2018  
Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
[http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2018/r80\\_mcc.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2018/r80_mcc.shtml)

NCCC RTTY Sprint  
01:45 - 02:15 UTC 15 June  
Geographic Focus: North America  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: RTTY  
Bands: (see rules)  
Classes: (none)  
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 17 June 2018  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>

NCCC Sprint  
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 15 June  
Geographic Focus: North America  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: (see rules)  
Classes: (none)  
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 17 June 2018  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

All Asian DX CW Contest  
00:00 UTC 16 June to 24:00 UTC 17 June  
Geographic Focus: Asia  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Asian Single Op Single Band - high or low; Non-Asian Single Op Single Band - high; JA Single Op All Band - high, low, junior or silver; Asian Single Op All Band - high or low; Non-Asian Single Op All Band - high; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts  
Exchange: RST and 2-digit age  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Asian Stations: DXCC entities once per band; non-Asian Stations: Asian prefixes once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 18 July 2018  
E-mail logs to: [aacw@jarl.org](mailto:aacw@jarl.org)  
Web-to-Cabrillo form: [http://www.b4h.net/cab-forms/aadxcw\\_cab3.php](http://www.b4h.net/cab-forms/aadxcw_cab3.php)  
Mail logs to: JARL, All Asian DX Contest, CW, 170-8073, Japan  
Find rules at: [https://www.jarl.org/English/4\\_Library/A-4-3\\_Contests/2018AA\\_rule.htm](https://www.jarl.org/English/4_Library/A-4-3_Contests/2018AA_rule.htm)

Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest  
12:00 UTC 16 June to 11:59 UTC 17 June  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: RTTY  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Single Op All Band 6-Hour; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Single  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts  
Exchange: Ukraine: RST and 2-letter oblast; non-Ukraine: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with different country, same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; non-UR Stations: 10 points per QSO with Ukraine  
Multipliers: UR Stations: each DXCC/WAE country once per band; non-UR Stations: each DXCC/WAE country once per band; non-UR Stations: each Ukraine oblast once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 2 July 2018  
E-mail logs to: [urdxcrty@ukr.net](mailto:urdxcrty@ukr.net)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://urdxcrty.org/rtty/rules.php?english>

ARR BPSK63 Contest  
12:00 UTC 16 June to 12:00 UTC 17 June  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: BPSK63  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op  
Max power: 100 watts  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-CT station; 5 points per QSO with CT station; 10 points per QSO with CT1ARR, CQ3EPC, CQ7EPC, CS2EPC  
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; Each CT station once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 17 July 2018  
E-mail logs to: [bpsk63@ct1arr.org](mailto:bpsk63@ct1arr.org)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://ct1arr.org/9o-concurso-bpsk63-da-arr/>

Stew Perry Topband Challenge  
15:00 UTC 16 June to 15:00 UTC 17 June  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160 m Only  
Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op  
Max operating hours: 14 hours  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 5 - 100 watts; QRP: <5 watts  
Exchange: 4-Character grid square  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO plus 1 point per 500 km; multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x power multiplier  
Submit logs by: 2 July 2018  
E-mail logs to: [tbd@kkn.net](mailto:tbd@kkn.net)  
Mail logs to: BARC, 7580 Rood Bridge Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97123, USA  
Find rules at: <http://www.kkn.net/stew/>

West Virginia QSO Party  
16:00 UTC 16 June to 02:00 UTC 17 June  
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW, SSB, Digital  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - fixed - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Multi - fixed - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts CW, 10 watts phone  
Exchange: WV: RS(T) and county; non-WV: RS(T) and state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band per mode  
QSO Points: (see rules); Bonus: 100 points per QSO with W8WVA; WV Mobile Bonus: 100 points for each county activated  
Multipliers: WV Stations: Each WV county once per band; WV Stations: Each state, VE province, DXCC country once; non-WV Stations: Each WV county once  
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 5 July 2018  
E-mail logs to: [wvqlogs@gmail.com](mailto:wvqlogs@gmail.com)  
Mail logs to: Randy Goff KD8G, 1289 Washington Gardens Cir, Washington, WV 26181, USA  
Find rules at: <http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc/wvqp/wvqp.html>

Feld Hell Sprint  
18:00 - 19:59 UTC 16 June  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: Feld Hell  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m  
Classes: (none)  
Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: (see rules)  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: (see rules)  
Bonus Points: (see rules)  
Multipliers: (see rules)  
Score Calculation: (see rules)  
Submit logs by: 20 June 2018  
Upload log at: <https://sites.google.com/site/feldhell-club/>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <https://sites.google.com/site/feldhell-club/Home/contests/sprints/field-day-sprint>

ARRL Kids Day  
18:00 - 23:59 UTC 16 June  
Mode: SSB  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, 2 m repeaters  
Classes: (none)  
Exchange: Name, age, QTH and favourite colour  
Submit logs by: 16 July 2018  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Mail logs to: (see rules)  
Find rules at: <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest  
01:00 - 03:00 UTC 18 June  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Band; All Band  
Max power: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent  
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 24 June 2018  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: <http://grpcontest.com/pigrun/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://grpcontest.com/pigrun/>

### Next Week's Contests

Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 20 June  
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 20 June and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 21 June  
NAQCC CW Sprint, 00:30 - 02:30 UTC 21 June  
NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 22 June  
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 22 June  
Battle of Carabobo International Contest, 00:00 UTC 23 June to 24:00 UTC 24 June  
UFT QRP Contest, 06:00 - 09:00 UTC and 14:00 - 17:00 UTC 23 June  
Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest, 12:00 UTC 23 June to 12:00 UTC 24 June  
His Majesty the King of Spain SSB Contest, 12:00 UTC 23 June to 12:00 UTC 24 June  
ARRL Field Day, 18:00 UTC 23 June to 21:00 UTC 24 June

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